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SUBJECT: VISIT OF HARVARD CHINA SCHOLARS TO PRC

1. JIM THOMSON OF NIEMAN FOUNDATION HAS NOTIFIED THE DEPARTMENT THAT 17-19 HARVARD UNIVERSITY SCHOLARS OF EAST ASIAN AFFAIRS (INCLUDING SPOUSES) WILL ENTER PRC ON AUGUST FIRST FOR FOUR WEEKS TRAVEL AT THE INVITATION OF THE CHINESE PEOPLE'S INSTITUTE OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS. ALTHOUGH SEVERAL TEACH AT OTHER SCHOOLS, ALL ARE ASSOCIATED WITH THE EAST ASIAN RESEARCH CENTER AT HARVARD AND HAVE BEEN INVITED AS A "SCHOLARLY DELEGATION FROM HARVARD UNIVERSITY."

2. THE GROUP INCLUDES PROFESSOR BENJAMIN SCHWARTZ (DELEGATION CHAIRMAN) AND MRS. SCHWARTZ; PROFESSOR DWIGHT PERKINS (DEPUTY CHAIRMAN) AND MRS. PERKINS; PROFESSOR ROY HOFHEINZ JR. (DEPUTY CHAIRMAN) AND MRS. HOFHEINZ; PROFESSOR MERLE GOLDMAN (SECRETARY) AND MR. MARSHALL GOLDMAN; PROFESSOR AND MRS. PAUL COHEN; PROFESSOR JOSEPH F. FLETCHER AND MRS. FLETCHER; PROFESSOR PATRICK D. HANAN; PROFESSOR AND MRS. JOHN SCHRE(KER; AND DR. AND MRS. JAMES C. THOMSON, JR. POSSIBLE ADDITIONS INCLUDE UNCLASSIFIED

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PROFESSOR EUGENE WU AND MRS. EZRA VOGEL.

3. THE TRIP IS ONE DISCUSSED SOME TIME AGO BETWEEN PRC
AND JOHN FAIRBANK. DWIGHT PERKINS HAS BEEN TALKING

TO PRCLO IN WASHINGTON ABOUT DETAILS. FINAL ITINERARY
WILL NOT BE DECIDED UNTIL GROUP MEETS WITH (PIFA
OFFICIALS IN CANTON AUGUST 2.

4. GROUP WILL ASSEMBLE AT HONG KONG HOTEL ON JULY 29 AND
30, CROSSING INTO PRC AUGUST 1.

5. THOMSON WROTE TO DEPARTMENT (HUMMEL) ASKING THAT
GROUP BE EXTENDED APPROPRIATE COURTESIES BY USLO DURING
STAY IN PRC. DEPARTMENT RESPONDED THAT WE WERE SURE USLO
(AND CONGEN) WOULD BE MOST PLEASED TO MEET WITH GROUP.
CITING A NUMBER OF FACTORS (FACT THAT USLO NOT FULLY
SETTLED IN, QUESTION OF PRECEDENT FOR OTHER VISITORS,
POSSIBLE VIEWS OF CHINESE HOSTS) WE SAID WE DID NOT KNOW
WHAT USLO WOULD BE ABLE TO DO IN WAY OF SOCIAL FUNCTION.

6. IF USLO OR CONGEN HAVE ANY SUGGESTIONS TO PASS ON TO
DELEGATION, DEPARTMENT WOULD BE HAPPY TO CONVEY THEM. RUSH

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